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WAR & PEACE

U.S. on brink of war in Indo-China on eve of Geneva talks on Asia

By Tabitha Petran

THIS week-end the Premier and Foreign Minister of one-fifth of mankind—China's Chou En-lai—will fly into Geneva, Switzerland, to discuss settlements in the Far East with his Western and Soviet opposite numbers. In the fortnight preceding the conference, Washington's campaign to clear the way for all-out intervention in Indo-China reached a new pitch. Secy. Dulles and Adm. Radford strove for a joint Congressional resolution giving the President blanket authority to intervene (Drew Pearson, 4/14 & 17); last week-end came Vice-President Nixon's carefully-calculated "GI's for Indo-China" speech.

The U.S. Air Force was diverting more bombers and transports to the war. Gen. Chennault's "private" pilots (paid by the U.S. government) were ferrying supplies to besieged Dienbienphu. More U.S. technicians were on their way to reinforce the 252 already there, and two U.S. aircraft-carriers "with full striking force" were maneuvering off Indo-China's coast. With all this, the U.S. was—in the words of Sen. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.)—on "the brink of full-scale involvement."

Committed in advance to "make not a single concession to Red China at Geneva" (Drew Pearson, 4/6), Dulles' aim was to prevent Britain and France from suggesting any and to keep France fighting on—probably a forlorn hope if Dienbienphu fell.

THE HYDROGEN "TRUMP": The consideration to keep in mind, said **Business Week** (4/17), is that "the U.S. feels the West has superior might today . . . is ahead in the A- and H-bomb race." This was stressed by Nixon, who said "we must take risks now" for in a few years it would be too late. The point was underlined by the scheduled explosion April 22 of an H-bomb said to be four times as potent as the "out-of-control" bomb of March 1—in defiance of world opinion, and of the increasingly clear fact that scientists do not know what effects H-bomb radioactivity may have on any form of life. Washington was prepared, said **BW**, to turn Geneva into "a real showdown," in which the H-bomb "will be Dulles' strongest trump" (N.Y. **Mirror**, 4/19).

As on the eve of the Korean War, Washington had stepped up its purchases of strategic materials. Tin rose 7c a lb. on the strength of Dulles' London-Paris trip; copper, lead, zinc, soybean prices also went up; the stock market soared to its highest level since Sept., 1930, and business forecasters became bullish. Said **U.S. News** (4/23):

"The H-bomb has blown depression thinking out the window."

THE PEACEFUL "ENEMY": But outside the U.S. peoples everywhere looked

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THIS INSANITY CAN BE STOPPED!

That's what the leaflet in the hands of peace canvassers said as they were handed out last week in the streets of New York. The petitions to ban the H-bomb were sponsored by the N.Y. Council of the American Peace Crusade, and they were warmly received. Multiply this action a hundred-thousandfold throughout the U.S. and sanity will indeed be restored.

THE WASHINGTON SNAKEPIT

McCarthy hurls final stinkbomb on eve of showdown with Army; 200,000 in Wisconsin sign 'Joe Must Go' petition as drive grows

By Lawrence Emery

THE long-delayed showdown between Sen. Joe McCarthy and the Army was at last set to get under way Thursday morning with full-scale TV treatment; it promised to be about the dirtiest collection of Washington linen ever washed in public. The final flurry of charges and counter-charges before the hearings revealed a virulence of petty personal passions that would scandalize a country not already immune against moral shock.

As the kleig-lights went on, neither side looked pretty; all concerned seemed engaged in snake-pit politics. Army personnel involved were pictured as stooping to any level to block McCarthy's self-righteous exposure of "Reds" and "Red-coddlers" in the military; the McCarthy camp, as spending most of its time for eight months threatening to "wreck" the Army if it didn't get preferential treatment for its millionaire boy bloodhound, Pvt. G. David Schine.

"SCANDALOUS MALICE": The Army's written charges were made public on April 15; McCarthy's on April 20, two days before the hearings. McCarthy now charged that Asst. Defense Secy. H. Struve Hensel, who helped draw up the Army bill of particulars, was personally motivated by a desire to discredit the McCarthy committee to head off a McCarthy "exposure" of him. McCarthy accused Hensel of "misconduct and possible law violation" because of his wartime connection with a private ship-supply firm while he was a top Navy procurement officer. Hensel dared McCarthy to repeat these "barefaced lies" without Senate immunity. In Houston, Tex., for speechmaking on April 21, McCarthy declined the dare. Hensel said the Senator "reached the high mark of scandalous malice and the low mark of cowardly irresponsibility."

LEROY GORE

200,000 more to go; see p. 8

For its airing of the charges and counter-charges, the committee adopted special rules. Presiding was Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.). McCarthy was replaced on the committee, for duration of the hearings, by Sen. Henry C. Dworshak (R-Ida.). Although he is a McCarthy booster, he fought the assignment; he faces a tough primary fight for re-election in August. All principals in the row will have the right of cross-examination equal to that of committee members.

OUT OF THE HILLS: Presiding as special counsel is Ray H. Jenkins who was recommended to the committee as "the best trial lawyer in East Tennessee." Unknown nationally, he has

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A much-troubled man

The following appeared in Reynolds News *(London) on April 4, 1954. To the GUARDIAN's knowledge it has not been published in the U.S.*

"THE hydrogen bomb is the very essence of evil."

These are the words of Albert Einstein. And Einstein—described by George Bernard Shaw as one of the "eight great figures of the cosmos*"—is the man whose mind conceived the theories which have led to the hydrogen bomb.

He was 75 years of age a few weeks ago. He was visited by Ernst Haas, the Austrian-born photographer.

Haas found the aging genius a much-troubled man.

"It was I who pressed the button!" Einstein said over and over again.

The current H-bomb tests had not taken place. But Einstein continued: "At the decisive moment I shall speak. I am waiting for that grave moment before I begin to shout with all the strength I have left!"

* **The others: Aristotle (philosopher), Ptolemy (mathematician), Copernicus (astronomer), Pythagoras (geometrician), Galileo (astronomer), Kepler (astronomer) and Newton (physicist).**

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"Cannot this paralyzed nation awake? Can we not have a great national Peace Congress? Awake all cowards, scream all women, stand up and be counted all real men!"

—W. E. B. DUBOIS.

THE MAIL BAG

Great Peace Congress

BALTIMORE, MD.

It takes a man of Dr. DuBois' stature to sound a real call for peace. He poses the question: "Can we not have a Great Peace Congress?"

The time for such a move is NOW! If people of good-will will rise up in indignation, they can stay the hands of the H-bomb and A-bomb throwers. I have the utmost faith that men and women of this country will respond to such a clarion call. **P. Beyer**

For an eminent physicist

POCATELLO, IDAHO

A few years ago I was a man. I gave dollars for the defeat of Spanish fascism; was concerned with a free America, a free world—with free speech and thought, the dignity of Man. But now I am grown out of sympathy with such aims; now I am older and wiser and different. Those in authority, McCarthy, need not fear me. Now I am not a man at all. **Hal Briggs**

Coventry's way

CLEVELAND, O.

The Cleveland Press reports April 2 that "the city council of Coventry, one of the most heavily bombed World War II targets, voted to disband its civil defense committee because the hydrogen bomb has made it a waste of time and public money."

Since this good news appears on p. 40, and since "to send to Coventry" means "to rusticate or ostracize," my muse says:

Has an atrocious crime been done?
You'll find it, children, on page 1.
If there is something you should see,
It may be on page 23.
And if there's something really fine,
Two inches on page 39.
Some editors are fond, you see,
Of sending news to Coventry.

Juan Belcampo Grulla

How crazy can you get dept.

HASHISH DENS OF ORIENT NOT WICKED AT ALL, Beirut, Lebanon (AP)— . . . "If these people were not dreaming from hashish, they would be making trouble on the streets," the guide [to a hashish den visited by reporter] explained. "Remember this: No hashish addict ever goes Communist."

—New Haven Eve. Register, April 12.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Anon., New Haven, Conn.

Let Congress know

PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

After reading your April 12 issue and H-bomb data from Time, I sat down and wrote out these two post cards and mailed copies to the President and various Congressmen:

1. "I am convinced that H-bomb warfare would destroy modern civilization. As a citizen, voter and American I demand that for the survival of the human race you do everything in your power to help ban the use of nuclear weapons."

2. "I cannot believe that the American people want, or will ever want, to be involved in a Korean-type war in Indo-China. I urge you to consider this and do everything practical in your power to prevent further involvement of our military forces there."

I urge all GUARDIAN readers and their friends to write similar post cards and letters. **John Ross**

Right on the button

VENICE, CALIF.

A friend, while endorsing the Joe Must Go buttons, insists that they be enlarged slightly to read:

JOE MUST GO
AND, INDUBITABLY,
THE REST OF THE GOP—
AND BROWNELL
AS WELL.

Angus Ship Part

Same chap

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Before the recent Big Four Conference (held in Berlin) is forgotten I'd like to note that the one chosen to present the "West's blueprint for free elections" in Germany was none other than Anthony Eden.

Is this the same Anthony Eden who (when the people of British Guiana under their constitution held free elections) sent in troops, suspended the constitution and nullified the elections because he didn't like the results?

Malcolm Movis

Beyond Hitler's madness

AUSABLE FORKS, N. Y.

It was heroic of Patrick Henry to cry: "Give me liberty, or give me death!" It is such a perversion of heroism as to approach unmitigated villainy to cry out—as in effect our "leaders" are doing: "Give ME liberty, or give death to hundreds of millions of innocent men, women and children throughout the world." What man would be so depraved as to deliberately plan to save his own life from, let us say, a threatening assassin, at the cost of blowing up an apartment house full of innocent people? Nothing that Hitler did in his maddest hours approached in abysmal inhumanity what the H-Bomb has been devised to do.

Rockwell Kent

P. S. The above letter was refused by the N. Y. Times.

Carrefour, Paris

"On account of the Americans, all we have to eat is atomized tuna."

Sherwood Forest, U. S. A.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Students in some midwestern colleges are sporting buttons with a green feather printed on them. When asked what it's all about, they say: "We're Robin Hood's Merry Men—and against the book burners." **Pete Seeger**

Clarence Pickett's life

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Let me express my personal appreciation for your perceptive review of Clarence Pickett's book, **For More Than Bread.** I think you were very successful in underscoring some of its most significant emphases even when they seemed to imply an approach considerably different from your own editorial policy. This is the true test of a reviewer's sincerity.

Olcutt Sanders
Public Relations Secy.
American Friends Service Comm.

"The Last Illusion"

NEW YORK, N.Y.

I like the GUARDIAN for its courageous struggle for peace and democracy, but your review of **The Last Illusion** — a serious and important contribution to that struggle by Hershel D. Meyer—shocked and surprised me. This book was not written to kill time as a sort of "a hobby collecting data." I do not understand how you, after reading the book, can say that it "is a compilation of psychopathological data"—and that the author "is putting a strain on the average reader." I am just an average reader, I'm not a college graduate, I never studied the Marxist philosophy, I know little or nothing of Marxist terminology. Yet I found this book very interesting, and I thoroughly understood and digested its contents. Perhaps you underestimate the average reader.

I think **The Last Illusion** is a comprehensive, keen and documentary analysis of history in the making. It clarifies what has happened and what is happening in our country and the rest of the world. If this book would be read by the American people, they would understand and digest it, and proceed to kick out the McCarrans, McCarthys and Brownells out of our government offices and replace them with men of reason!

Ida C. Solomon

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REPORT TO READERS

'Twas the 19th of April . . .

MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL subscribers have been planning a GUARDIAN Birthday gathering since back in December. First one setback, then another. Finally March 12 was set—and on that evening snow started at nine. By early evening there were 12 inches on the ground. As the folks wrote at the time: "The plows are out—but so's the party!" So a new date was set for April.

Last Monday, April 19, we were having an afternoon colloquy in the GUARDIAN office about the widely-ignored fact that this was the anniversary of the outbreak of the American Revolution, Paul Revere's Ride, the embattled farmers of Lexington and Concord and the "shot heard 'round the world." Musing, we were, about what has come over everybody in only 179 years, that Freedom's Cause is hardly heard above a whisper these days in polite circles—when the postman brought a big, fat letter from Minneapolis.

IT WAS THE REPORT on the long-awaited Minneapolis-St. Paul party—and what a bracer for Freedom's Cause. First, a good, big crowd turned out. Viena (Mrs. Paul) Hendrickson was Mistress of Ceremonies. There were tributes, spoken and musical, to Emanuel H. Bloch and to the late Marian Le Sueur (see p. 4). Then a birthday-candle ceremony such as we had at our Birthday Dinner last November, with short candle-lighting speeches for each year of the GUARDIAN's life. The Minneapolis speakers were, we must admit, a shade more eminent than New York's—Thomas Jefferson, William Cullen Bryant, James Russell Lowell, William Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Abraham Lincoln and (so help us!) Herbert Hoover (whose quoted comment was: "Absolute freedom of the press to discuss public questions is a foundation of American liberty.")

Jefferson was the keynoter (from his Mar. 4, 1801, inaugural):

"Equal and exact justice to all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political; peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none . . . ; the preservation of the general government in its whole constitutional vigor, as the sheet-anchor of our peace at home and safety abroad . . . ; freedom of religion, freedom of the press, freedom of person under the protection of **habeas corpus**; and trial by juries impartially selected—these principles form the bright constellation which has gone before us and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation."

LIGHTING THE SIXTH CANDLE (for the future), Emma R. Stern, a chief organizer of the affair, had this to say:

"The lighting of the five candles symbolizes the story of the growth of a free paper, a newspaper exemplary in its devotion to the principles and causes embodied in our Bill of Rights and in the dissemination of truth; a paper relentless in its vigorous efforts to abolish racial discrimination, and one dedicated to the ideal that lasting peace can only be secured by an enlightened people."

Well, friends, we don't need to tell you (but we will anyway) that this kind of tribute makes us feel humble—but proud to bursting of the men and women all over this land whose courage, integrity and determination have made it possible for a paper like ours to get in the fight and stay in it for five years going on six.

Minneapolis-St. Paul said it with flowers—but also with contributions and fistfuls of Buck-a-Month pledges and new subs. If you think a GUARDIAN evening would be a worthy event in your community, please drop us a line and we'll tell you what we have to offer—a speaker, a record, whatever suits best. To write us, just use that GUARDIAN postage-paid envelope you have in the desk drawer—and why not send us a new reader while you're about it? Coupon just across the page.

—THE EDITORS

Let Congress know

On April 3 the House of Representatives voted 211-176 to end the federal low-rent housing program after June, 1955. The bill is now in the Senate, where it is predicted the President's requested 35,000 low-rent apartments will be restored. Sen. Burnet Maybank (D-S.C.), a member of the Senate Banking & Currency Comm. where the bill gets its first hearing, has said he will press to restore the full provisions of the Housing Act of 1949. It asks a building program of 135,000 low-rent units every four years for the next four years, and up to 200,000 units a year when unemployment is high.

We urge you to write your approval to Sen. Maybank, and to write your own Senator and Representative asking that the full 200,000 low-rent apartments be voted.

HOW WASHINGTON TOOK UP THE "WHITE MAN'S BURDEN"

Is this what Americans must die for in Indo-China?

We publish below excerpts from the speech delivered on Dec. 10, 1940, to the Investment Bankers Assn. of America convention by Dr. Virgil Jordan, pres. of the Natl. Industrial Conference Board and Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers brain-truster.

We believe this is the first time that more than a brief section of this famous speech has been published since World War II. We are certain that there was never a time when this blueprint for the U.S.' "imperial destiny," coming from the mouth of such an authority, needed more careful study than now as the U.S. stands on the brink of another colonial-type war. The speech raises these questions, never yet answered by the NAM or Washington:

- Does it provide the real reason why over 30,000 Americans lie today in cemeteries in Korea?
- Does it explain why Chinese volunteers entered the Korean War as U.S. forces approached their frontier—because China's leaders believed not MacArthur but Jordan?
- Does it explain why the drive to "reconstruct our own economic and political life"—the drive toward a fascist America—was undertaken "after the immediate [World War II] effort was over?"

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"BEFORE we can understand any of the needs of industry for national defense we must first try to comprehend what this thing we call our "Defense Program" really means. We have not yet been willing to look the phrase squarely in the face. . . .

"Our government has committed the American community to participation in this war as the economic ally of England, and as her spiritual, if not her political, partner in her struggle with the enemies of the British Empire everywhere in the world, to help prevent, if possible, the destruction of the Empire; and if this should not be possible, to take her place as the heir and residuary legatee or receiver for whatever economic and political assets of the Empire survive her defeat . . . [p. 26-28].

"We should realize, however, that even the job of winning the war, with England or alone, is only part of the task to which America has committed herself for the future. Whatever the outcome of the war, America has embarked upon a career of imperialism, both in the world affairs and in every other aspect of her life, with all the opportunities, responsibilities, and perils which that implies. This war inevitably involves a vast revolution in the balance of political and economic power, not only internationally but internally. Even though, by our aid, England should emerge from this struggle without defeat, she will be so impoverished economically and crippled in prestige that it is improbable she will be able to resume or maintain the dominant position in world affairs which she occupied so long. At best, England will become a junior partner in a new Anglo-Saxon imperialism, in which the economic resources and the military and naval strength of the United States will be the center of gravity. Southward in our hemisphere and westward in the Pacific the path of empire takes its way, and in modern terms of economic power as well as political prestige, the sceptre passes to the United States [p. 30].

"WHAT this means in terms of economic expansion for an indefinite period in the future no one at this time can even imagine. From the pages of British experience, however, we know some of the things that this white man's burden may mean when we assume it . . . [To shoulder it] will imply intelligent and courageous reconstruction of our own economic and political life after the immediate war effort is over [p. 31].

"We may be afraid of the unfamiliar and forbidding word "imperialism" in connection with the commitment we have made. We may prefer, in the current American fashion, to disguise it in a vague phrase like 'hemisphere defense.' But, consciously or unconsciously, America has been destined to that career by its temperament, capacities, and resources, and by the drift of world events, not merely in recent years but since the beginning of the century, and certainly since the last war [p. 31].

"We have no alternative, in truth, than to move along the road we have been traveling in the past quarter century, in the direction which we took with the conquest of Cuba and the Philippines and our participation in the last World War. . . . Therefore the responsibilities and opportunities of imperial inheritance will require the immense effort and vast sacrifices which any great destiny demands if it is to be fulfilled. . . . The vast effort and expenditure involved in our defense program are . . . necessary to fulfill the responsibilities and realize the opportunities of our imperial destiny" [p. 32].

Source: Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention of the Investment Bankers Assn. of America, 1940, pages 26 to 32.

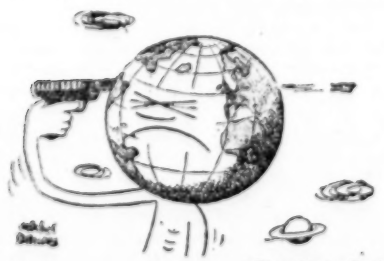
THE PROBE GOES ON IN SECRET

Scientists score 'insanity' on Oppenheimer, see action laying all science open to attack

WORKING in total secrecy, a three-man panel last week continued its investigations of charges that Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, top man in the creation of this country's A-bomb and H-bomb, once associated with Communists and delayed the development of the H-bomb because of "moral opposition" to it as a weapon. Dr. Oppenheimer has been suspended from any contact with the H-bomb project since last December.

There was no indication when the panel would reach a decision; scientists in particular awaited it nervously. Whatever the outcome, it would affect the relation of science to government and society in the Dulles era of massive retribution by annihilation. Even with full clearance for Dr. Oppenheimer, all other scientists connected with this government's arms program will be open to attack under the Eisenhower security regulations which make a conscience equal to a conspiracy.

RESPECTABLE ARGUMENT: Scientists were speaking up. Scores of Dr.



Carrefour, Paris

THE H BOMB

Oppenheimer's colleagues who worked with him put their names to statements in his support, wrote letters to newspapers, publicly took a stand. Dr. Harold C. Urey called Oppenheimer's suspension "one of the most unjust things I have ever heard of." Dr. Arthur H. Compton, the scientist who engaged Dr. Oppenheimer for the atom-bomb project, said:

> "I considered his acquaintance with Communism, and his rejection of it as a result of that acquaintance, was a factor in favor of his reliability. I satisfied myself completely that Oppenheimer was reliable and no security risk and have had no reason since to change my views."

He made this comment on Oppenheimer's "moral opposition":

> "He did not want the U.S. to make such a vastly destructive weapon because of the death and suffering of many people, nor did he want people to suspect the U.S. contemplated its use. It's an argument that any person sensitive to human reaction must respect."

SIGN OF MADNESS: Sumner T. Pike, former acting chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, said:

> "These things are so incredible to me that I almost wonder if there isn't some other motivation behind the apparent one in bringing these charges at this time."

Dr. Leo Szilard, a pioneer in nuclear research, said the charges will be considered abroad "as a sign of insanity—which it probably is." The European press generally took a cautious wait-and-see attitude, but there were some comments. The independent Copenhagen **Information** said "the suspension is a concession to the witch-hunters, to McCarthy and his gloomy movement." The Stockholm **Tidningen** took a similar position. The London **Mirror** asked: "Has opposition to the horror-bomb brought downfall to Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer?" The Paris left-wing, anti-Communist **Combat** wrote:

> "Here you are, M. Oppenheimer, on the infamy bench, not for having built the A-bomb, not for having hastened the hour of the big conflagration. But for not having howled with the wolves, for having been much afraid of what your mind had thought and your hands done, for having, so feebly, as it were, questioned your conscience."

AN ANGUISHED HEART: There were others with consciences. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 1953 Nobel Peace Prize winner, wrote to the London **Daily Herald** of "the anguish in my heart" and said that "scientists must speak up" if H-bomb tests are to be halted.

Dr. Albert Einstein, known to be morally opposed to dropping H-bombs (see p. 1), was biding his time. But last week he again declared himself on the moral climate of the Dulles era. In a letter to Emanuel J. Fried, a Buffalo union leader who challenged the authority of a subcommittee of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, he wrote:

> "I am convinced that you did the right thing and fulfilled your duty as a citizen under difficult circumstances. My respects."

NIXON'S LOOPHOLES: In Washington consciences were not so apparent. Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, who in the past has proclaimed confidence in Oppenheimer's "loyalty," last week opened an escape hatch for himself:

> ". . . If you found out after you did hire him that at one time he had been convicted of theft or something like that—maybe he is reformed and all—but still you don't expose him again. . . . I have great sympathies for people that have made a mistake and have reformed, but we don't think we ought to reform them in the military establishment."

Fair hearing or not, Dr. Oppenheimer was through as far as Defense Secy. Charles E. Wilson was concerned. He cited what to him was an analogous case of hiring a bank teller:

Interlandi in Cincinnati Enquirer

"Aren't you forgetting we're on the same investigating committee, Senator?"

EDUCATION OF A PRIME MINISTER

The Odyssey of St. Laurent

By D. S. Daniels
Guardian special correspondent

MONTREAL

"TO exchange the formalities of goodwill," Canada's Prime Minister St. Laurent took a whirl around the world in February and March "in the interests of this country's friends" (Montreal **Gazette**, 3/9). Here is a political log of the trip:

France and Italy: Lauded Atlantic Pact, urged ratification of EDC. Reception chilly.

India: Began by lauding the U.S. as "the most unselfish country ever to play the role of a major power." Got a hand from the N.Y. **Times** but stony silence from the Indian parliament, and skeptical reaction in Canada where the press was daily noting how further unemployment was resulting from dumping of U.S. goods.

His audiences began to warm up when he supported Nehru's appeal for a cease-fire in Indo-China; got even warmer when he approved the inclusion of China in the Geneva conference.

Philippines: Press almost ignored his first remarks about the "unselfish Americans" in Washington, gave banner headlines to his statement on China that "sooner or later we would be bound to recognize the government that the people want."

Seoul, S. Korea: Left no doubt that he wasn't being misquoted, saying:

> "I do feel that some day we are going to be realistic. We are going to have to admit the present government of China is the government the people want."

Tokyo, Japan (after significantly avoiding Formosa): Told press conference that the "only commonsense realistic approach" would be "eventual recognition of China's government and resumption of East-West trade." (Trade between Canada and the socialist world is now almost non-existent; a Soviet trade official is now in Ottawa.)

FRIENDS & GOODWILL: Back in Canada the tory press couldn't stand the phrase "the government the people want," but the United Church (largest Protestant denomination) again came out for China recognition and the Catholic **Le Devoir** said St. Laurent

> ". . . said what he thought. And what he thought was that we cannot indefinitely postpone an official act which corresponds with strict reality."

By this time St. Laurent's original mission was hardly remembered; the N.Y. **Times** no longer praised him; but for Canada his trip had made friends and created some of the goodwill advertised, though not in the manner first intended. Said he on his return:

> "There is a general realization [among the peoples of the world] that war is not the way to settle differences."

War & Peace

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to Geneva for peace—and saw who was blocking it. Moscow and Peking insisted Geneva could bring settlement in Asia. Moscow Radio said Viet Minh leader Ho Chi Minh was still ready (as he has been for years) to negotiate a cease-fire in Indo-China. Meanwhile the **Christian Science Monitor** reported from Paris (4/15): "American officials say they are certain the Communists have no desire for war." Dulles, said **BW** (4/17), does not expect Chinese intervention in Indo-China since China's energies today are concentrated on "a big industrialization program."

The real danger in Asia, explained Nixon (who in one session called Syngman Rhee a "conspirator" and said Indo-China "needed" a Rhee), "is not aggression but internal subversion." What we are doing, said Sen. George Malone (R-Nev.), "is guaranteeing the colonial system throughout the world."

"MISCONCEPTIONS": To mobilize Americans behind this foredoomed crusade, a campaign was on to paint the "free nations" as united in support of Washington's policy, joyfully prepared to sacrifice themselves for it. Yet it was painfully clear that whatever unity

CHOU EN-LAI
The twain shall meet

there was did not extend beyond Washington's vassal "leaders" in "free world" capitals.

The White House was reported so worried about "misinterpretation" abroad of U.S. aims that the President planned to devote an April 22 speech to the Publishers' Assn. to telling the U.S. press how it should curb the "spreading misconceptions." **INS**'s Kingsbury Smith reported from Paris (4/18, 19) that Allied diplomats believe settlements in Korea and Indo-China could "lead to lasting peace in Asia and a general relaxation of world tension," but have almost no hope for such settlements. Even U.S. diplomats in Europe feel, he said, that

> ". . . a situation has been developing which . . . could easily lead to Uncle Sam taking the rap should the conference fail. . . . Collapse of the conference could greatly weaken if not split the Atlantic Alliance . . . large sections of world opinion might blame America for blocking peace in Asia."

At Geneva, wrote R. H. Shackford from Paris (**UP**, 4/16), the West faces two opponents:

> ". . . The Communists at the conference table, and strong opposition groups back home. The opposition . . . inside Britain and France on both European and Asian policies may be greater threats to the Western alliance than Molotov and Chou En-lai."

Even in the U.S., the N.Y. **Times** (4/18) found that:

> "No matter what the circumstances, there will be tremendous pressure against involvement in the hot war in Indo-China."

FRANCE STYMIED: Dulles had rendered meaningless Premier Laniel's promise that France will negotiate "with complete liberty" at Geneva, since France is now "in no position to negotiate . . . on its own" (**BW**, 4/17). But unless France can negotiate a settlement, the Laniel government, whose key figure is the "American minister" Georges Bidault, "won't stand a chance after Geneva" (**BW**). It has in fact remained in power only because the Gaullists decided not to leave France without a government at the present time and hence unable to go to Geneva.

The Gaullists, who hope to organize a rightist government, strongly oppose both internationalization of the Indo-China war and negotiations to end it. Their biggest quarrel with the government—in which they participate—is over the European Army scheme (EDC), a quarrel which will come to a climax when parliament tries in May to set a date for debate on it. The rightist opposition to EDC was dramatized and solidified by Marshall Juin's ouster, following an anti-EDC speech which, according to a French officer in **L'Observateur**, left only about 25% of army officers in favor.

TOWARD LEFT UNITY: Internal economic pressures were also making for a new political line-up in France. A general strike has been called for April 28 by the Communist-led Confedn. of Labor to demand higher minimum wages and a 40-hour week. Workers and farmers are no better off today then they were last summer, when the greatest strikes since the mid-1930's swept the country (they failed owing to the split in the labor movement).

Efforts to overcome the split are being made on a local level and from below. Recent local elections in Cherbourg saw the victory of a popular front when progressives, Communists, independents supported a Socialist for Mayor in return for promised posts in his administration. This followed a Paris by-election in which Communist Andre Still won 42% of the vote but lost to an anti-Communist front. The new line-up, said **BW**, may be a Gaullist-led government of the Right or a Left-Center coalition (excluding the Communists) dedicated to economic reform.

Meanwhile in Britain, Aneurin Bevan resigned from the Labour Party's "shadow cabinet" in protest against former Premier Attlee's acceptance of the Southeast Asia pact proposal. The move came after months of continually growing opposition in the labor movement to Britain's subservience to Washington, specifically on German rearmament, East-West trade, the H-bomb and policy toward the U.S.S.R. and China.

THE BITTER TASTE: In the UN Disarmament Commission the U.S.S.R.'s Vishinsky proposed adding China, India and Czechoslovakia to the Western-proposed five-nation subcommittee (U.S., U.S.S.R., Britain, France, Canada) to study atomic weapon control. The Western powers rejected this as "unacceptable"; only Lebanon supported India and Czechoslovakia for membership. Vishinsky said that if the West —which after prior consultations is wont to present proposals of "an ultimative character" to powers not consulted—insisted on such an "extremely one-sided" subcommittee ignoring half of mankind (the whole of Asia), it could have no "fruitful result."

Western refusal to pay any heed to the Soviet position would "create serious difficulties," he said, but indicated that acceptance of India would assure Soviet participation in the subcommittee. He wondered if India—"a member of the British Commonwealth, one of your own family"—was rejected because its proposals for peace and against H-bombs had "left a bitter taste in your mouths." (Indian newspapers had charged Dulles with "torpedoing the Geneva conference in advance" [**The Hindu**, 4/10], said that to Dulles

> ". . . the word 'freedom' means non-establishment of a Communist regime. . . . [But] why should any nation give up its inherent right to choose its own government simply because another government dislikes a particular ideology?" [**Amrita Bazar Patrika**, 4/12].)

Los Angeles Examiner
"Haven't we enough on our hands?"

The approach of the Western bloc, which ignored Vishinsky's appeals and rammed through its own proposal, was indicated by Pierre J. Huss, who wrote (N.Y. **Journal American**, 4/9) that its job

> ". . . is to go into that subcommittee not so much to offer plans and treaties for banning or harnessing hydrogen bombs but . . . to find out whether the demonstrations of monster explosive and destructive weapons by the U.S. have shifted [the Kremlin] . . . to a position of self-preservation."

FADING DELUSIONS: In the same week when the Pope in a grim Easter message called for international agreement to ban A- and H-bombs, Vishinsky said: "We demanded a ban on these weapons when we didn't have them; we continue to demand it now that we do." The clear Western intention to use the subcommittee meetings to stand adamant against a ban might prolong the Western delusions. It could only end—as have Washington's previous efforts to build "positions of strength"—in creating new positions of weakness. For recent events, as London's **New Statesman** wrote (4/3), are shattering the delusion

> ". . . that Western statesmen are in favor of the international control of unconventional weapons and that the obstacle to such a control comes from the Kremlin. . . . Our Chiefs of Staff . . . plan to use it [the H-bomb] as the A-bomb was used in Hiroshima. It is not to be held in reserve as a deterrent . . . on the contrary it is regarded as our first line of defense against any local act of aggression."

The brandishers of the bomb were becoming at the same time increasingly isolated and increasingly dangerous. The war program, wrote Ivor Montagu in Britain's **Labour Monthly** (4/54), "goes steadily ahead, and ahead nevertheless." Yet the people can stop it:

> "If we do not succeed, the fault will lie not with those preparing war, for we are stronger, but with ourselves."

The Le Sueurs' life

Under the auspices of a committee of friends, author Meridel Le Sueur has undertaken a memorial biography of her parents, Arthur and Marian Le Sueur, and the parts they played in farmer, labor and civil liberties affairs in Minnesota during the last half century. Marian Le Sueur died on Jan. 26 at 74, surviving by a number of years her husband, a Minneapolis municipal judge noted for his espousal of "unpopular" causes. Mrs. Le Sueur became state chairman of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party in 1944; and in 1948 helped form the Progressive Party in her state. She was her party's candidate for U.S. Senator in 1952.

For the memorial biography Meridel Le Sueur is seeking first-hand accounts by those who participated with the Le Sueurs in the Socialist movement of the 1900's; the free speech fights of Minnesota and the Dakotas; the Non Partisan League and the Farmer-Labor Party. Miss Le Sueur, author of **North Star Country** and a series of Borzoi books for young people including a Lincoln boyhood story, **The River Road**, published this month (175 pp. $2.50, A. A. Knopf, N.Y.), may be reached at 1769 Colfax South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Contributions toward financing the memorial biography may be sent to Mrs. Emma Carlson, Treasurer, 2415 Garfield St. N.E., Minneapolis.

THE LAW

New jurors in N.Y. asked $64 question

SINCE the first of this year, the $64 question has been Question 19 in the Q. & A. form submitted to new jurors in New York County (Manhattan).

The question was inserted on advice of the County Jury Board, composed of the presiding justices of various Manhattan courts and the N.Y. County Clerk. It is required only of new jurors. The text reads:

> "Are you, or have you ever been, a member of or affiliated with the Communist Party or with any group or organization which advocates the overthrow of the United States Government by force?"

The Division of Jurors of the N.Y. County Clerk's Office told the GUARDIAN that the wording is not by itself either "a qualification or disqualification" but was inserted to assist the examiner of jurors to "determine qualification" in examining new jurors.

LEGALLY QUESTIONED: No prospective juror has thus far challenged the legality of the question but several have declined to answer it.

Legal authorities queried by the GUARDIAN hold the question unconstitutional under Art. 1 Sec. 1 of the N.Y. State Constitution which provides:

> ". . . No member of this state shall be disfranchised or deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to any citizen thereof, unless by the law of the land or judgment of his peers."

There has been no legal authorization for Question 19. Rather, the State Civil Rights Law, Sec. 2, states that

> ". . . no authority can, on any pretense whatsoever, be exercised over the citizens of this state, but such as is or shall be derived from or granted by the people of this state."

"Test oaths," the category into which Question 19 falls, have been abhorred for centuries in British common law and in the U.S., notably by Jefferson and Lincoln as well as in high court decisions.

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BOOKS

New pamphlets

By Ione Kramer

IN the belief that some of the best information for progressives is to be found in pamphlets, the GUARDIAN will endeavor to present a roundup of them about once a month.

The Bomb

The Truth About the Hydrogen Bomb, by Ray Gardner (**Peace Review**, 144 W. Hastings St., Vancouver, B. C., 12 pp., 5c) voices the fears of all people about the bomb with statements by leading scientists, eyewitnesses, Canadian news articles. Gardner suggests that if Canada were to start the ball rolling by announcing it would never be first to use atomic weapons, "it could easily help to break the deadlock which now exists between the U. S. and U. S. S. R."

Discrimination

"It is not the Negro people for whom we are working, but ourselves," because "the enemies of the Negro people are our enemies . . ." writes Sandford Goldner in the well-documented **The Jewish People & the Fight for Negro Rights** (Comm. for Negro-Jewish Relations, P. O. Box 3012, Terminal Annex, Los Angeles, Calif., 56 pp., 25c). The former Calif. JPFO president offers material on the financial backers of anti-Semitism, relates the Negro's economic and social position to U. S. anti-Semitism.

Canadians in U.S.S.R.

Through **Canadians Visit Their Northern Neighbors** (**News Facts** 382 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ont.; 32 pp., 25c, 5 for $1) — a bright, slick-covered booklet enriched with many photos by the authors — you share the excitement of seven Canadians visiting Uzbek cottonfields and Tamerlane country around Samarkand. An Alberta farm woman, a film importer, a bookkeeper write of their U. S. S. R. trip last September. Print-shop manager Florence Dorland interviews Mme. Sadykova, vice-chairman of the Uzbek Republic, who 30 years ago wore the traditional black horsehair veil; mattress-spring maker and Upholsterers' Union rank-and-filer Paul Pauk worked in a Minsk auto-seat plant; social work leader Margaret Spaulding notes the close personal relationships between doctor and patient in a large socialized clinic; former veterans' counsellor Major R. T. Lafond writes in French about Soviet minorities, and says after visiting Russian churches: "People are free to worship there or not, and in either case, suffer no prejudice. I am glad to have had the chance to see for myself. . . ."

Farmers and workers

In **Farmer-Labor Teamwork's** 30 pages bristling with facts, figures and delightful Fred Wright cartoons, farmers and workers can learn why an effective farm program including 100% parity price-supports is important to both: they are "each other's best customers." If the farmer gets less than full parity, he loses money (farm income is down ⅓ since 1946), can't buy industrial goods and the worker gets laid off. Family farmers who can't compete with big monopoly agriculture lose their farms (in 1950 there were 700,000 fewer farms than in 1940) to become part of a large reserve of unemployed, which helps undermine union standards. The answer to the farm crisis: not less production, but more food consumption (which is down 6% since 1946). The pamphlet urges supplemental food stamps averaging $1 per day for the more than 15 million Americans living on pitifully small public assistance or govt. old age and unemployment insurance. (United Electrical Workers, 11 E. 51st St., N. Y. C. 22; 7c, $7 per 100.)

"Report No. 60"

As background for Atty. Gen. Brownell's call last week for a law permitting employers to dismiss "any person whose record showed he was likely to engage in sabotage or espionage," the contents of **Report No. 60** by the NAM's Natl. Industrial Conference Board are required reading. Analyzed in pamphlet form by Charles Allen Jr. (reprinted from **March of Labor**, 799 B'way, 12 pp., 15c) the report is a step-by-step plan to help employers set up a system of labor spies, create a blacklist using fingerprinting, loyalty oaths, investigation of employes by "credit" investigators—all on the pretext of "preventing sabotage."

Berry Burgum

One of the best compilations to date of pro-academic freedom statements, and a case history in college expulsion methods, is contained in **Academic Freedom & New York University**. The 80-page pamphlet outlines the trial (with "evidence" by informers Philbrick and Johnson) and dismissal of Prof. Edwin Berry Burgum as Assoc. Prof. of English at NYU's Washington Sq. College after he used the 1st and 5th Amendments before the McCarran Internal Security Comm. in 1952. (Free or by contribution from Marvel Cooke, treas., Burgum Defense Comm., 110 W. 94th St., N. Y. C. 25.)

The right to know

In **Man's Right to Knowledge** the Jefferson School for Social Science states its opposition to registering as a "communist front" under the McCarran Act (hearings before the SACB are continuing). "To close the School [by making it register] is to deny the right of the American people to study Marxism. For [it] is the only public educational institution where Marxism is taught by teachers who know this vast and complex body of thought, and who believe in it" according to the 20-page pamphlet (20 pp., free or by contribution from Jefferson School, 575 Av. of Americas, N. Y. C. 11.)

For New Yorkers

Your City (Citizens Union, 5 Beekman St. N. Y. C. 38, free) is a useful 15-page guide to N. Y. C.'s major offices and departments and their functions.

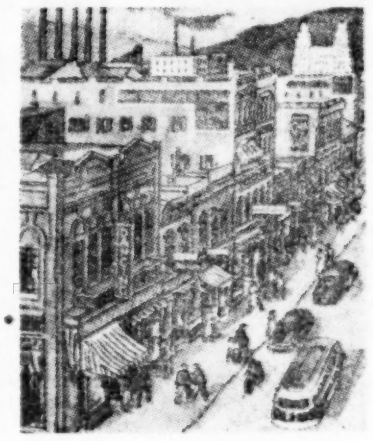
Social Security

Your Stake in Social Security by former Security Comm. Arthur J. Altmeyer (Public Affairs Comm., 22 E. 38th St., N. Y. C. 16; 28 pp., 25c) summarizes the general provisions of existing old age, unemployment and public assistance plans. The author's analysis of present inadequacies, particularly covering health and disability, his summaries of Eisenhower and Chamber of Commerce recommendations, and his own suggestions for improvement are a "must" for any group preparing its own analysis.

A 2-penny postcard

PORTLAND, ME.

Hope you will continue "Let Congress Know" box. As result, have sent card myself, got another person to do same. Suggest you add that two-penny postcard is adequate in some cases. **Ray Galley**



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POLITICS

Velde wins primary, Parnell Thomas flops; Calif. and Penna. Progressives pick slates

POLITICAL WEATHERVANES spinning in some states last week showed variable winds, gave no sure forecast of the coming campaign. Big-party primaries gauged the climate in Illinois and New Jersey. Some labor leaders and progressives took their stand in California and Pennsylvania.

Illinois: Meek wins

In Illinois on April 13 the weather was fine but only 1,200,000 voters bothered to go to the polls. The Democrats tallied about 500,000, the Republicans 750,000, a close margin considering that the only big contests were on the Republican side.

Triumphing over eight contenders for the GOP Senatorial nomination was Joseph T. Meek, Taft Republican, president of the Illinois Federation of Retail Assns., critic of McCarthy's "methods but not his objectives." He said he would welcome McCarthy or any other GOP campaigner: "I'm a team man." His runner-up was former American Legion commander Edward L. Hayes, 100% pro-McCarthy.

THE LINEUP: Meek will run against incumbent Paul Douglas who was unopposed in the Democratic primaries. The programs each outlined in the primary contests made this picture: Douglas combines his backing of modified New Deal economic measures to end unemployment with enthusiastic support of pro-war policies. Meek is reactionary down the line but has spoken out against sending troops to Indo-China. Correspondent Sidney Ordower told the GUARDIAN Meek "may appear to voters as an anti-war candidate . . . and unless Douglas changes his stand he will appear to the voters as a pro-war candidate."

VELDE WINS: In the Peoria area Rep. Harold H. Velde, chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, defeated by 27,000 to 15,000 State Assemblyman Robert H. Allison who was outspokenly anti-McCarthy, anti-witchhunt, and whose voting record had been consistently pro-labor, pro-FEPC. Allison did best in industrial Peoria and Tazewell Counties (Velde's home grounds) where clergymen, Negro community leaders and others banded into a non-partisan committee to support him.

Allison lost the farm counties 4-1. He failed to make an issue of farm price supports or tax exemptions, concentrated on his pro-labor voting record. Democratic labor voters, who might have voted in the GOP primary under Illinois law, by and large passed up the opportunity.

In the Rock Island Democratic primary the AFL Intl. Assn. of Machinists put up their own candidate, Hal Roach, for Congress, but he was defeated by the machine's Charles Kerwin 7,334-4,164.

N. Jersey: Thomas swamped

New Jersey Republicans drew the line at J. Parnell Thomas, ex-chairman of the Un-AAC, who served one year in prison for a kick-back racket before he was pardoned by President Truman. In his campaign for the GOP Congressional nomination Thomas declared himself "1,000% pro-McCarthy." Incumbent William B. Widnall beat him 32,405 to 4,216. Mrs. Thomas went to the hospital on Primary Day after taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

California: Progressive policy

In California the Independent Progressive Party declared:

> "The best way to exert pressure for a progressive program for California is to place the major emphasis on defeat of the Knight ticket (Republican)—the California representatives of the reactionary Eisenhower-McCarthy machine."

In opening its campaign the IPP offered to work with "all those progressive-minded citizens who seek through the old-party primaries to forward pro-labor, anti-McCarthy candidates." Warning the Democrats, however, that "it is impossible to defeat McCarthyism by trying to imitate it," the IPP nominated Mrs. Isobel Cerney for U.S. Senator. The party said the Democratic candidate Sam Yorty's stand for

> ". . . bigger arms appropriations, for the blockade of China, and his approval of witch-hunts . . . endangers the chances of every candidate against the Republican ticket."

ALEXANDER NAMED: The IPP also named Horace V. Alexander for Secy. of State, the only Negro candidate for any state-wide office, and trade unionist Herbert Cohn for State Treasurer. On other state races the party said:

> "The campaign for Governor, Lieut. Governor and comptroller also offer an opportunity to defeat the Republican-controlled administration. Here again this exists only to the extent that [Democratic candidates] Richard Graves, Edward Roybal [Mexican-American councilman in Los Angeles] and George Collins reflect the real needs of the people."

The AFL's political arm, Labor's League for Political Education, took a contrary view, voted endorsement of the GOP ticket for Governor and Lieut. Governor (incumbent Knight and Harold J. Powers) then went down the Congressional line for Democrats including Yorty for Senate. The AFL charged Democratic nominee Graves with having fought unionization of public workers.

Pennsylvania: 13,000 names

In Pennsylvania the Progressive Party gathered 13,000 signatures in 20 days for its slate: Henry Beitscher for Governor, Alexander Wright for Lieut. Governor, and Elizabeth P. Frazier for Secy. of Internal Affairs.

Now we're 100% confused — anyway chagrined

After years of being told that the dangerous thing about Communists is their determination to shoot themselves into power, we learned last month from a publication which should know what it's talking about the real reason why Communists are "the termites of America or worse." Here it is:

"Commies are the enemies of gun lovers."

In case you want to show this to your friends to make them as confused as we are, the publication is the March, 1954, issue of **Gun & Cartridge Record**, which bears on its masthead the Constitutional amendment: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." **Gun & Cartridge Record** is published at 71 N. Main St., Chagrin Falls, O.

Beitscher, director of the Phila. PP, was a New Deal economist. Wright, director of the Pittsburgh PP, active in the Negro Elks, was once member of the Intl. Exec. Board of the CIO United Allied Stone and Products Workers. Miss Frazier is Secy. of the Episcopal League for Social Action, former exec. secy. of the Dept. of Christian Education of the Penna. Diocese

of the Protestant Episcopal Church. She recently received the 25 years service award of the Phila. Community Chest.

NEW DEAL PLAN: Petition signatures were gathered by an appeal for a "New Deal Program for Jobs," calling for a special session of the Legislature to increase unemployment compensation and relief allotments; enact a state FEPC and public works program; repeal the sales tax.

The PP's program also included a federal public works program; boost in the minimum wage to $1.25 an hour; increased social security benefits; increased personal exemptions on income taxes up to $1,000 for each dependent; 30-hour week for 40 hours' pay.

McCarthy

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a local reputation as a tough, rough practitioner of his profession. Columnist Edward B. Smith of the Knoxville **News-Sentinel** wrote of him:

> "This 57-year-old Lilbilly lawyer who has made a comfortable fortune as a trial attorney . . . has at last achieved a goal he has long sought—some sort of recognition on the national political level."

Smith quoted a Jenkins colleague: "Ray may come out of this as a Hollywood lawyer, defending beautiful blondes." Jenkins, an Old Guard Republican, was vouched for by three Tennessee Old Guard conservatives; but those who know him seemed agreed with Smith that he

> ". . . has no preconceivd ideas about McCarthy. However, Jenkins is a practical politician and professional lawyer, and if he becomes convinced that McCarthy is in the wrong, the Wisconsin Senator is headed for trouble."

Columnist Jennings Perry, writing from Knoxville concurs:

> "McCarthy may tangle with him; his friends say McCarthy would be a fool. For Ray Jenkins, they assure you here, 'knows how to take care of himself, and, come right down to it, that's the only concern he ever has.'"

IN SAUK CITY: In McCarthy's home state of Wisconsin the movement for his recall, begun by Republican editor LeRoy Gore of Sauk City, went ahead. At last count some 200,000 of a required 404,000 signatures on recall petitions were in hand; Joe Must Go clubs were in existence all over the state. Gore, who made a quick trip to New York to raise funds for the movement, said he was "cheered" by the response:

> "People in New York think that McCarthy is not only Wisconsin's problem, but is a problem for the entire nation. I feel they are right."

Gore was also discovering the nature of the McCarthy following; he has a collection of threatening, defamatory and obscene letters and postcards which he may turn over to postal authorities for action. He reports:

> "McCarthy's followers have threatened to kidnap my 8-year-old daughter, they've warned me they were going to blow up my house and my newspaper plant, and they've threatened to kill me. . . . There must be something wrong with a fellow who attracts such a following."

Milwaukee Journal

LET'S HAVE A 100% TEST
McCarthy would take a lie detector test at McC-Army quiz—News Item

In Sauk City a candidate for State Commander of the American Legion has formed a "Door for Gore Club" to run him out of town; this movement prompted the Madison **Capital Times** to comment:

> ". . . It smacks alarmingly of vigilantism. . . . Do we not see here the same extra-legal principles that motivated the Ku Klux Klan and other terroristic groups?"

SENATOR'S 2nd THOUGHTS: But more and more people were speaking up against McCarthy. Full page ads in two New York papers brought more than 10,000 anti-McCarthy signatures in one week and contributions of $16,000. The convention of Americans for Democratic Action called on the GOP to remove McCarthy as chairman of his committee. Chicago's Bishop Bernard J. Sheil vigorously attacked him—first member of the Catholic hierarchy to do so. Former President Truman again denounced him. Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), who voted for the $207,000 appropriation for McCarthy's committee, last week conceded it was a mistake:

> "In view of what has happened since, I believe it would have been better to have withheld funds from the subcommittee until there had been assurances of greater safeguards for witnesses."

HOW 140,000,000 WOMEN LOST A UN REPRESENTATIVE

Dora Russell and the U.S. Iron Curtain

MORE full of fight than ever, but good-humoredly aghast at the childish, boorish behavior of the U.S. government, the renowned British feminist Dora Russell flew home April 11 after a short, sharp visit behind the American Iron Curtain. The Curtain beyond which she was forbidden to go—smallest on record anywhere—was an area of about ¼ of Manhattan around the United Nations. She had come there for sessions of the UN Commission on the Status of Women as observer for the Women's Intl. Democratic Fedn., one of 200-odd national and international "Non-Governmental Organizations" (NGO's) accredited to UN.

Before she left, the Economic & Social Council, parent body of the women's Commission, had removed WIDF's accreditation under fierce arm-twisting from U.S. delegate Preston Hotchkis who said WIDF was Moscow-dominated and engaged in "vicious attacks, lies and slander against UN." He likened UN to "a great dinosaur" and WIDF—a broad, 140-million-member, worldwide organization—to "rats" who caused the dinosaur's extinction by devouring its eggs.

NO EGGS, NO RATS: The vote and the attitude of other delegates showed, however, that the incident had further heightened the smaller nations' infuriation at Washington's arrogance and browbeating. Egypt, India and Yugoslavia joined the U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia in voting "no"; with France, Pakistan, Belgium and Argentina abstaining, nine nations had shown their unwillingness to oust WIDF against nine (including "China") for the ouster.

Indian delegate Saksena rose after Hotchkis' tirade and observed calmly: "Fortunately the UN does not lay eggs." Mrs. Russell—the former wife of philosopher Bertrand Russell—added in a letter to the N.Y. **Times** the day before she left: "Equally fortunately, the WIDF is not composed of rats." She suggested that Washington would stand a better chance of retaining its influence in UN if it stopped distorting facts and got in the habit of using decent parliamentary language.

THEY WANTED PEACE: Mrs. Russell

WITHIN THE CURTAIN: A UN RECEPTION FOR MRS. RUSSELL
L. to r.: Miss K. Sushko, interpreter; Mrs. Zosia Danbinska, Poland; Mrs. Fortuna Guery, Haiti; Mrs. Russell; Mrs. Vira Fomina, U.S.S.R.

—who has belonged to no political party for 20 years, believing she can work better for the feminist cause outside of them—said that with great difficulty she had managed to find out what was behind the closed-session ouster of WIDF:

> "It was our collection of signatures for peace, and our report on the terrible effects of the war on women and children in Korea, which Mr. Hotchkis said had 'built an utterly perverted image of all that the UN stands and works for.' Of course the real quarrel is not between WIDF and the UN but between WIDF and the U.S."

Unless the General Assembly reverses the ECOSOC decision, WIDF's accreditation cannot be restored for at least two years, but it will continue to send observers to ECOSOC sessions held at Geneva. Meanwhile Washington set the same miniature Iron Curtain around Britain's Alexander M. Dixon and France's Jan Dessau, observers here for the World Fedn. of Democratic Youth whose third representative, Iradi Eskandary of Iran, was denied entry.

LIBERTY OUT OF BOUNDS: Many delegates, Mrs. Russell said, understood the danger inherent in the action against WIDF to the rights of all NGO's. Accreditation of NGO's enables individuals (some 40 million in the U.S., some 283 million in other countries belong to such groups) to convey their opinions to UN. NGO's also help create opinion and spread information on UN activities in countries which are not UN members. She cited the three million Italian WIDF members and many millions in colonial lands who have no other representation.

During her brief visit to ¼ of Manhattan, two of Mrs. Russell's grandchildren were brought to see her by her daughter whose husband is an American in Washington. The boys, whom she met for the first time, wanted to go with her to the Statue of Liberty and the Natural History Museum, but she had to explain that she could not take them because her visa did not apply to those places; she could only go as far as the other side of Central Park West from the museum.

WOMEN ARE IMPATIENT: "Fortunately," Mrs. Russell told the GUARDIAN, "the theater where **Salt of the Earth** is playing was not out of bounds." The film telling how Spanish- and English-speaking wives got together in the recent New Mexico miners' strike, not only to win the strike but to assert their equal rights with men, impressed her deeply. In the UN Commission, the solidarity of the women from many countries, discussing their common problems as women, had been an inspiration; it overflowed national and governmental lines, and delegates from some of the most undemocratic countries had been personally friendly to her. She said:

> "It is very like **Salt of the Earth.** We women all laugh at the men who try to hold back the clock; we don't give them a chance to pull off anything by violence—just make them look ridiculous.
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> "Women are sick of a world split into bickering halves. We want a single world. There was a very solid feeling in the Commission that equal pay for equal work could no longer be set aside. I presented a special report on women in colonial countries, who are really on the march now. Once she gets the idea of expressing herself politically, a woman in a 'backward' country goes straight for the things that she as a woman wants, while women in more highly-developed countries sometimes imitate men in their requests for legislation. But all over the world women are getting impatient."

30 YEARS' FIGHT: Dora Russell has been a leader of the fight for women's rights since the early '20's, when she campaigned with the Labour Party for free government advice to mothers on "how to space their children." The death-rate for mothers—then 4-5 per 1,000, higher than for miners—has fallen since to less than 1 per 1,000.

In 1925 her work **Hypatia, or Woman and Knowledge** was attacked by the London **Daily Express** because it discussed planned parenthood, "so it sold 60 thousand copies in the first week."

In 1946, she represented WIDF on a delegation of British feminist leaders urging UN's Economic & Social Council to establish a commission on women's rights. WIDF has been affiliated with the Status of Women commission since it was set up shortly afterward.

Try Washington, D.C.

HANOI, French Indo-China, April 20 (AP)—A French-language newspaper today appealed to the Vietnamese for canned fruits or milk contributions to be parachuted to the defenders of Dienbienphu. In 24 hours: not one contribution. —N.Y. **Herald Tribune**, April 21.

PETITION THE GOVERNOR TODAY

Walter Lee Irvin and the background to the death sentence in Groveland

By Eugene Gordon

FLORIDA's Gov. Charley Johns sat silent on March 23 when the NAACP pleaded for a commutation of the death sentence given to Walter Lee Irvin in the notorious Groveland Case. The U.S. Supreme Court had refused to hear an appeal for a third trial for "rape." At the conclusion of the Parole Board hearing the governor said: "Denied."

The picture of the Florida towns of Groveland, Mascotte and Stuckey was graphically presented to GUARDIAN readers in October, 1949, when the case was at its height. It was borne out in the NAACP argument.

Most of the men among Groveland's 400 Negroes were pulp loggers and sawmill workers for the sprawling paper mills. Wages averaged less than $3 daily. The vast owning-companies controlled by Northern banks had, for 11 years, fought federal wage-and-hour legislation (40c-an-hour minimum). Groveland's Negro women were mostly domestic workers.

ONE WHITE TIRE: Trouble, simmering for a year, exploded in and around Groveland on July 6, 1949. A Negro house worker had told of being raped by a member of a prominent white family; other domestics shied away from there. Negro men were refusing pulp-logger jobs at what they called starvation wages. Then there were those "biggity" blacks in their "fancy" homes.

Samuel Shepherd, 22, lived with his parents in one of three houses that 600 whites of Groveland thought "too fancy" for Negroes. He drove a late model Mercury with one white-walled tire.

The charged atmosphere needed only a spark to set it off. A young white man staggered into town one night with a tale of having been beaten and robbed by four Negroes. They had raped his 17-year-old wife, he said. The explosion reverberated in a man-hunt that left Ku Klux Klan crosses and Negro homes burning throughout the community. Word had spread that "the rapists" had escaped in a Mercury with a white-walled tire. Shepherd was found. His "fancy" home was burned to the ground. He, Irvin, 22, and Charles Greenlee, 16, were beaten, arrested. The three youths had never known one another before that night.

THE HUNT: White men in cars with Alabama and Georgia license plates joined Groveland, Mascotte and Stuckey officials in patrolling back roads, burning Negro shanties, and shooting at fleeing Negro families. One of the four "suspects," Ernest Thompson, was shot to death.

The NAACP and the Civil Rights Congress protested to the governor and to county authorities. Said State Atty. J. W. Hunter, with a sidewise glance at the mobs: "It's just a bunch of hotheads, scalawags and drunkards." A hastily summoned grand jury didn't even glance sidewise. It immediately indicted for "rape." Said Judge Truman Futch, answering requests for change of venue: "I have no fear of violence or attempted violence in the event of a trial in Lake County."

There was no need of outright violence, because the outcome of the trial seemed assured. Greenlee was given life on the chain gang. Shepherd and Irvin got death. On their way from state prison to a retrial ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court, handcuffed Shepherd was shot to death for "trying to escape." Irvin survived bullet wounds and again appealed to the high court. It refused to listen.

To save Irvin's life, letters and wires to Gov. Charley Johns at Tallahassee, Fla., are urgent.

WALTER LEE IRVIN
There is still time

A four-page reprint of the GUARDIAN's story of Choon Cha and Chungsoon Kwak, who are fighting deportation to Syngman Rhee's S. Korea, is available for distribution from the N.Y. Comm. for the Protection of Foreign Born, 23 W. 26th St., N.Y.C. 10. Also included in the attractive leaflet is the story of Manuel Cuevas Diaz, who was saved from deportation to Franco Spain through popular protest called for through the GUARDIAN. Diaz is now living in Guatemala.

Niblick, please

To the Editor: To those charged with the responsibility of safeguarding the life of President Eisenhower, wouldn't it be a good idea to keep him in Washington? That is the last place in the world anyone would expect to find him.

Grace M. Davis
Detroit News, March 9, 1954

ROUNDUP OF "CONSPIRACY" CASES

5 on trial in San Francisco accused of harboring Smith Act refugee Thompson

THE first U.S. trial in nearly 100 years for political "harboring" opened in San Francisco Apr. 12. Defendants Sam Coleman, Mrs. Shirley Kremen, Carl Ross, Sidney Stein and Mrs. Patricia Blau are charged with being "accessories after the fact" of the alleged 1945-48 violation of the Smith Act by Robert Thompson, chairman of the N.Y. State Communist Party; with conspiring to be "accessories after the fact," and with "harboring" Stein. The last such indictment was under the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850 and aimed at protectors of runaway Negroes. Basis of the "harboring" charge is the 1941 Smith Act's premise that Communists advocate violent overthrow of the U.S. government.

Coleman, Mrs. Kremen, Ross and Stein were arrested by FBI agents at a California vacation camp last Aug. 27 while talking with Smith Act refugee Thompson. Mrs. Blau, whose car was at the place, was arrested 100 miles away. The federal prosecutor in California declared the case a simple one of "harboring," but Atty. Gen. Brownell later complained of inadequacy of the existing 6-months-$1,000-fine penalty.

INFORMER "SHOCKS" JUDGE: In St. Louis the government rested March 25, after 31 days of testimony before U.S. Dist. Judge Roy W. Harper, in the case against James and Dorothy Forest, William Sentner, Marcus Murphy and Robert Manewitz. Two among several FBI informers shocked the defense. The Rev. Obadiah Jones had been known in St. Louis as leader of the Civil Rights Congress, supporter of the fight to free Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram from life-sentence in a Georgia prison, and recipient of gifts from progressive "brothers and sisters" for his nine children (GUARDIAN, 3/22). The second informer, William W. Cortor, "shocked" even Judge Harper. Cortor had been known to defense and prosecution as a member of the St. Louis Defense Committee, having sat in on strategy conferences at the homes of defense atty. Mary Kaufman and defendant Forest. Mrs. Kaufman, demanding a mistrial (not granted), declared: "This was a greater invasion of privacy than exists in wiretapping."

Despite his "shock," Judge Harper April 16 denied motions for acquittal and mistrial. Defense began presenting its case April 19.

Another informer turned up in Seattle, where the **Post Intelligencer** in a copyrighted story reported that Mrs. Barbara Hartle—originally among the five Northwest Smith Act victims— had renounced her more than 20 years identity with the Communist movement to co-operate with the FBI. The Washington State Board, CP, immediately disclosed that she was suspended "early in the fall of 1952 [because] she exhibited evidences of political corruption and personal irresponsibility which were inconsistent with working-class leadership." The remaining Seattle victims are on bail pending appeal, including three contempt sentences of three years each.

The trial of 73-year-old CP chairman William Z. Foster was severed Jan. 13, 1949, from the 13 original Smith Act defendants in New York, because of a severe heart ailment. U.S. Dist. Judge Henry Goddard on April 1 ordered Foster to submit to another medical examination with a view to standing trial.

VICTIM'S SIGHT FAILING: In Atlanta penitentiary Philip Frankfeld, one of the six convicted under the Smith Act in Baltimore, was reported to have almost lost the sight of one eye as a result of complications aggravated by windswept dust from the "hole" where he was confined as punishment for "proselytizing." Diagnosed as glaucoma, the condition was unrelieved by operation. His wife, Regina, is imprisoned at Alderson, W. Va. The rest of the Smith Act score:

ORIGINAL TRIAL: 12 national CP leaders indicted; 1 case severed; 9 in prison; 2 refugees.

CLEVELAND: 11 indicted; all on bail; trial not started.

DETROIT: 6 indicted; 6 convicted.

HAWAII: 7 indicted; all convicted, on bail awaiting appeal.

LOS ANGELES: 14 indicted; all convicted; all on bail pending appeal, including 1 contempt sentence of 4 years.

NEW YORK: 15 indicted; 2 dismissed; argument on appeal set for May 10.

PHILADELPHIA: 9 indicted; trial beginning.

PITTSBURGH: 6 indicted; all convicted; all on bail pending argument in Appellate Court.

SEATTLE: 5 indicted; all convicted; all on bail pending appeal; also, 3 contempt sentences 3 years each being appealed.

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City in uproar over budget; Wagner says: Blame it on Dewey

By Elmer Bendiner

ALL through April New Yorkers paraded their bread-and-butter grievances. Teachers, firemen, policemen, sanitation men and clerks picketed City Hall or massed in demonstrations of thousands around loud speakers on nearby Murray St. They balked at the inadequate wage raises budgeted for them, scarcely half of what Mayor Wagner promised during his campaign.

Parents, educators, community groups filled the Board of Estimate hearing room, took the microphone to lecture the Board on the budget's failures: children deprived of day nurseries, schools overcrowded, insufficient teachers, lack of special classes. Shoppers and businessmen flocked with protests against extension of the sales tax.

Police ringed the Hall. Inside, the Mayor and other Board members seemed to listen pothus reducing his pre-election pledge of a $750 pay rise from the city to $450, of which at least $250 is financed by State funds."

RAIN ON THE ROOTS: The Mayor tried to turn the storm toward Albany. Mrs. Russell was firm but understanding: "Unfortunately, past city administrations have put on a public shadow-boxing performance while making deals behind closed doors that short-changed the people and the schools. We believe Mayor Wagner put up a genuine fight and we supported most of his fiscal program. . . ."

The teachers were more broadly represented at City Hall than in other years. A new movement defying any political label, sprang up as the "Grass Roots" and held street demonstrations outside the Hall (one of them attended by thousands in a pouring rain). The most conservative teacher groups talked strike.

WAGNER IS MOVED: The High School Teachers Assn. voted formally to discontinue all extra-curricular jobs May 1. The mood stemmed from years of steady whittling of teachers' pay checks, increasing harassment. New York, which once paid teachers the country's highest rates (they were underpaid even then by standards of the average industrial worker), now ranks 126th in the list of U.S. cities according to starting rates.

At the end of the budget hearing the Mayor, plainly moved by the strike threats, said he would confer with his advisers. He conferred next day for little more than an hour and announced that the $450 raise would stand.

TWIN BREWS: On broader issues of city financing the American Labor Party's Paul Ross spread the blame thus:

With an eye on Albany he said: "The budget that is before you . . . was written under the shadow of Deweyism-McCarthyism—twin brews of the same political cauldron in which both Gov. Dewey and Sen. McCarthy seek to incinerate 25 years of Roosevelt-Wagner-Lehman achievements in New York as well as in Washington." Of Wagner he said: ". . . He cannot escape the responsibility for the dilemma in which he finds himself by pointing a finger at Dewey."

The ALP had this recipe for the current budget: Pay adequate raises out of the $47 million listed in the budget as a surplus, and which otherwise would go to reduce the contribution of real estate; call for increased federal aid.

DISGORGE WANTED: For the longer run, ALP urged the Mayor to rally the city's people behind a demand that Albany grant "full fiscal freedom"; enabling legislation to increase valuations on commercial and industrial real estate; more state aid.

ALP's Ross claimed the State had straightjacketed the city by limiting the ways in which it could raise revenue, but noted: "The city has not taken full advantage of the many years of prosperity to increase assessed valuations, and thus to disgorge the real estate speculators and large holders of commercial properties of some of the profits they have been making."

"LEAD THE PEOPLE": The Mayor had earlier made similar complaints of hog-tieing by Albany; so had Democratic mayors before him. The ALP and other progressive spokesmen at City Hall saw a difference. They suspected former mayors of collusion; were willing to give Wagner the benefit of the doubt, but urged that he lead the people in a fight against Albany. Ross told the Board of Estimate:

"We of the American Labor Party say that as our elected city managers, it is your responsibility to mount a campaign that reaches into every home, by radio, television and personal canvass, to begin at once to attain the 'full fiscal freedom' we must have to provide for all our city's needs. We pledge our support to such an effort."

Wagner ignored the mention of increasing realty assessments, fired more broadsides at Albany, called for a special session, received the expected "no" in less than 24 hours and announced that there seemed no alternative but to extend the sales tax to balance even his austerity budget.

BOUNCING BUCK: Gov. Dewey passed the buck back to City Hall, said the sales tax was unnecessary, charged the city's budget had $30,900,000 hidden away that could be used. (The sales tax extension would raise $30,000,000.) The Mayor insisted that sum was in effect set aside for a rainy day, should tax receipts fall below expectations.

The fight on the tax was more complicated than the fight for raises. There the prime victims, the consumers, were mainly unorganized and had few spokesmen. The businessmen spoke out against the new taxes so that they seemed to head the opposition. Actually, however, their militancy seemed a maneuver so that they might with clean hands pass the tax to the customer.

EMPTIER POCKETS: Builders were frank about it, said the increased tax on construction services would lead to still higher rents. The consumer would be hit by the new taxes in a score of ways. He would pay an additional 3% of the bill for:

Repairs on radio, TV, automobiles, other real or personal property, building maintenance services (forecasting possible rent rises), moving and storage, check cashing, laundry and dry cleaning for commercial or professional purposes, public relations and advertising, juke box maintenance, construction or repairs of real estate (also likely to go on the rent bill).

ECHOES OF IMPY: The new tax bill is almost a word-for-word copy of one proposed and then abandoned by the Impellitteri administration a year ago. Henry Abrams, exec. vice-chairman of the N.Y. County ALP, last week told the City Council's Finance Committee considering the tax:

"We are unalterably opposed to any sales tax in principle as a vicious, discriminatory and onerous form of taxation. We shed no tears insofar as this bill hits the banks, real estate and other commercial interests who can well afford to pay. However, it is our contention that a more direct increase in the taxes imposed upon these would have been a far better way to secure necessary funds."

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VERY SENSITIVE STOMACH

UE, ALP take offensive upstate, Congress probers call it off

MIDWAY in the recent Albany hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Rep. Kearney (R-N.Y.) retired to Albany Veterans' Administration Hospital suffering from "abdominal difficulties." A "confidant" quoted in the Schenectady **Gazette** said Kearney had "a hair-trigger stomach and the pressure of the hearing, following these months of investigation and the continued attacks of the American Labor Party, have worn him out."

Immediately after Kearney retired, Rep. Walter (D-Pa.) left for Washington on "party business." Gordon Scherer (R-Ohio) tried vainly to carry on the show but gave up and closed it down with witnesses, friendly and unfriendly, uncalled.

EXTRA CONCLUSIVE: Prime targets of the Albany tour were the ALP and the United Electrical Workers. By radio, leaflet and newspaper ads (which some but not all local papers turned down) the ALP and UE in separate campaigns rewrote what was to be a routine road-show version of an overly familiar script.

Before closing the hearings Scherer, waving four ALP radio scripts, denounced the party for its "opposition." He said last year's hearings in the area had "conclusively established the ALP was controlled by the Communist Party." This year's trip, he said, proved it still more conclusively.

LEO JANDREAU
Betrayal, said Fitzgerald

The "proof" consisted mainly of testimony by an admitted FBI informer and CP member John P. Charles of Watervliet, who named over 100 upstate New Yorkers as Communists, some in the ALP, some in UE. The Committee called few ALP leaders and those denied the committee's right to probe into religious or political beliefs.

"THEY'RE AFTER YOU": The ALP took the fight out of the hearing room. Daily over Albany and Schenectady radio stations Mrs. Fern Owens, ALP chairman of the capital area, commented on the atmosphere in the hearing chambers, the empty chairs, the parade of informers, Cong. Kearney's voting record. She warned: "It is not communism that McCarthyites are after. It's you and your job . . . your freedom from fear and want."

She defined ALP's reason for existence: "A third or extra political party becomes necessary when one or both of the major parties fail to respond or recognize the desires, ambitions and aspirations of the people being served. . . . We hope to find somehow another LaGuardia, a new Sidney Hillman and a Franklin D. Roosevelt who is willing again to remember and do something for the forgotten man."

SIGNALS MIXED? The committee scored a press sensation with witness Leo Jandreau, deposed business agent of UE Local 301, currently heading a move to swing his local out of UE into the CIO Intl. Union of Electrical Workers. UE is contesting the secession in court, and UE pres. Albert Fitzgerald has denounced Jandreau for his "treacherous betrayal of the interests of the UE Local 301 membership and his violation of his oath of office."

The committee's upstate invasion was timed with Jandreau's desertion and General Electric's newly-announced policy of suspending all employes who fail to co-operate with Congressional committees. To the UE it seemed a coordinated attack. The rumor was that Jandreau would not be put on the spot by the committee; but two witnesses testified they had recruited him into the CP. Jandreau flatly denied ever having been a member. Scherer said the committee might seek a perjury indictment.

Four loyal UE organizers declined to answer the committee's questions. Organizer Richard Linsley of Schenectady asked Scherer: "What are you trying to do—impersonate Cohn and Schine?" He was removed.

Mandolin concert

THE American Mandolin Orchestra will close its 17th season with its annual concert at Town Hall, Sat. eve., April 24. Along with the familiar clarinet, flute and piano the orchestra uses the mandolin, concertina and recorder. The program will include works by Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Khatchaturian, Saint-Saens, Moussorgsky.

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B'KLYN MUSEUM, Eastern Parkway & Wash. Av. Films on Scandinavia, 3:30 p.m., Sun., Apr. 25. Travel Films & Comedies for Children, Sats., 2 p.m., Lecture Hall.

HENRY ST. PLAYHOUSE, 466 Grand St. FILM FESTIVAL: How to Build an Igloo; Instruments of the Orchestra; The Princess and the Dragon, 3 p.m., Sat., May 1. Children 10c, adults 60c.

MUSEUM OF CITY OF N. Y., 5th Av. & 103d St. Sat., Apr. 24, Caravans of Trade & Up and Down New York: Sat., May 1, Fiesta Island & Life Stream of the City. Film showing at 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Free.

N. Y. BOTANICAL GARDENS, Bronx Park. Carolina Gardens (illust., kodachromes), 3:30 p.m., Sat., May 1. Free.

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Dance & Music

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These symposiums are scheduled:

Education for a Progressive and Democratic Citizenry, led by David Livni of Kibbutz Hatzor; The Agricultural Basis for an Independent Israel, by Dov Sheba of Kibbutz Ellon; Industry for Independence or Colonialism, by Abraham Fein, Kibbutz Ein Hashofet; Progressive American Jewry and the State of Israel, by Avraham Schenker, director of Progressive Israel Projects; Organization for Action, by Flora Greenbaum, chairman of the Women's Council, API.

The dinner will hear Zvi Lurie, of Kibbutz Ein Shemer, a member of the Executive of the Jewish Agency; William S. Gailmor; and Yehuda Levit, Israel Consul for Economic Affairs. The Youth Movement of Hashomer Hatzair will present a special program of Israel music.

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ALP rally May 6 to fight Joe

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Church Club censured for snub to Delany

THE Church Club, organization of Episcopal laymen, was torn by controversy over apparent racial discrimination on Easter Week. On March 23 the club had refused to admit as a member Justice Hubert T. Delany. Club pres. Clifford P. Morehouse, Trinity Church vestryman, told the story in the Easter issue of the weekly **Living Church.** He listed the judge's qualifications, said he could only "surmise" Delany was rejected because he "doesn't happen to have been born a member of the white race."

Last week at a private dinner Morehouse declined renomination to the presidency. At the same dinner the Rt. Rev. Horace W. B. Donegan, Bishop of N.Y., spoke pointedly on race prejudice.

"AGGRESSIVE," MAYBE: Nominating committee chairman Byron C. Clark denied the judge was banned because of prejudice, said that in general a candidate for membership can be ruled out because of complaints concerning his "personality" or opinions that he might be "aggressive."

The Church club has 670 members. There are more than 15,000 Negro Episcopalians in the N. Y. diocese. Judge Delany is the first Negro proposed for membership in the club's 68-year history. Told of the stand by Donegan and Morehouse, Delany said that only when all the people of the diocese will follow their leadership can "we profess and call ourselves Christians."

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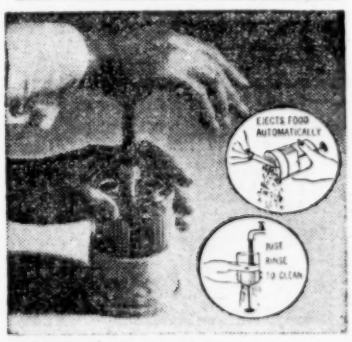

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Art for Dulles' sake

HARINDRANATH CHATTOPADHAYA, poet, playwright, musician, and member of the Indian parliament, sang a song in a film a few years ago, two bitter lines of which go like this:

"Art has no place in politics, nor politics in art,
Which is as good as saying the husband and wife shall part."

Artists who apply to the State Dept. for passports have discovered that they cannot separate themselves from their political backgrounds. They may protest they have divorced their former mates—left them bed and board. They may cry: "That's not my wife. That's not even a lady." But unless they're willing to name her other lovers, the State Dept. says: "Aha! You're still in love with her! Stay home, buddy!"

During the war, when one had the urge to roam, the slogan was: "Is this trip necessary?" Today the State Dept. asks: "Is this in the best interests of our country?" (Naturally Dulles never is asked that, because a truthful answer would keep him on this side of all oceans.)

WHEN ARTHUR MILLER APPLIED for a passport recently, to attend the opening of one of his plays in Belgium, the request was stalled long enough to miss the date and kill the journey. And then, adding inquest to the fatal injury, Washington gave the "not-in-the-best-interests" excuse as the cause of the demise.

The Crucible, Miller's latest play, pointed up some startling parallels between Salemania and McCarthyism. If Miller went to England, for example, he undoubtedly would be asked questions about witch-hunts, and he might give an unfavorable impression of the U.S. government, unlike Cohn and Schine. In fact, our British ally is so unreliable that one of her leading film producers is dickering for the screen rights to **The Crucible.** Hollywood is incensed, but not because Hollywood wants to make the picture. They just think it's a shame that, under free enterprise, a playwright should not be for sale on the open market along with the play.

The passport prohibitions work both ways. We are not referring to the fact that the State Dept. can be told its activities are not in the best interests of the country. We mean Paul Robeson can't get out and Charlie Chaplin can't get in, Cedric Belfrage can't get to Connecticut and Dora Russell can't cross Central Park West to the Natural History Museum.

LAST WEEK'S **Variety** ran a pathetic letter from Maurice Chevalier, also refused admittance to these shores. He writes:

"Like millions of other people, I signed an international list, absolutely in good faith, saying I was not for anything atomic falling in the world. And that, only that, did it.

"For it was only later that it was made public this Stockholm petition had political roots. Had I known it in time I would not have signed it because my policy has always been not to mix in any kind of politics whatsoever. I have been for more than 50 years at the top of my profession in France and that was only possible **because** I had never been in **any** politics."

No use, Maurice. You were a premature anti-atomic-warmonger, and you meant it. If you want to prove your devotion to the Dulles way of life now, enlist and go to Indo-China. Of course you may be the only Frenchman who does, but if you survive, you can apply to the State Dept. to enter the U. S. A.

ITS 389th PERFORMANCE

'Sholom' will close May 9th

THE WORLD OF SHOLOM ALEICHEM will close its run of 38 weeks at the Barbizon Plaza Theater on May 9. It will have played 389 performances, making it the longest-run new play of the season. The production, an English dramatization by Arnold Perl of three stories by the Yiddish writers Sholom Aleichem and I. L. Peretz, stars Morris Carnovsky, Ruby Dee and Jack Gilford.

A Chicago company, with Jacob Ben-Ami, Anne Revere and Howard da Silva, played eight weeks in Chicago. A national tour is being planned for next fall and there are negotiations for a presentation in London.

An unusual event, growing out of the play, will take place Sat. eve., May 22, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, when the Sholom Aleichem Suite by Serge Hovey will be presented for the first time. Rachel Productions, producers of the play, commissioned Hovey, who wrote its music, to compose a complete musical work based on th eplay's dramatic themes. The incidental music in the production has captivated audiences with its beauty and strength and wistful humor.

An LP recording of sections of **The World of Sholom Aleichem** is now in its third printing for a total of 2,500 copies. It may be ordered directly ($3.05 plus 25c postage) from Rachel Productions, 756 Seventh Av., N. Y. C. 19, N. Y.

On the Rachel production list for next season is **Sandhog,** a musical drama by Earl Robinson and Waldo Salt.